

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES
CREDIT ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA #84.354A)

The Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Grant Program (Program) was developed by the United States Department of Education to assist charter schools in overcoming financial challenges that can limit their access to facilities financing. The Program is intended to absorb some of the risks of issuing debt on behalf of charter schools for their facility needs. For additional information about credit enhancement eligibility please visit our website at <http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/csfa/enhancement/index.asp>. Please complete and submit the following application with all Required Information and attachments by mail or hand delivery to the California School Finance Authority (Authority):

California School Finance Authority
304 South Broadway, Suite 550
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Attention: Katrina Johantgen

Please note that Program funds will be used to enhance financings issued by and through the Authority. Therefore, a separate financing application should be submitted in conjunction with this application. A financing application can be found at <http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/csfa/financings/application.pdf>

Contact Information:

Legal Name of Applicant :	
County-District-School (CDS) Code:	
Name of Project / Campus / School to be Financed:	
Street Address:	
City, State & Zip Code:	County:
Contact Person Name and Title:	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
Location of campuses for which financing is sought:	

Name of Chartering Authorizer:	
Contact Person Name and Title:	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:

Financing Team Member Information*: Please provide the information below regarding the school's financing team members.

Name of Firm	Name of Firm Contact	Telephone Number	E-mail Address

*Financing team participants are subject to approval by the Authority and the State Treasurer's Office (STO). The Authority and the STO may require additional participants be added to the financing team.

Required Information:

1. Copy of the applicant's current charter and verification of the charter term.
2. Description of the Project and how the Program funds will be used, including documentation that applicant holds title or other interest in the financed facility, including right of access.
3. Evidence the charter school is organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code or is a nonprofit public benefit corporation under California Corporations Code section 5110 et seq.; and the charter school is established pursuant to Education Code section 47600 et seq., and also meets the federal definition of charter school as defined in section 5210(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 USCA section 7221(i)), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
4. Three years of audited financial statements (if applicable), an adopted budget for the current year, and projected budgets for the next three years.
5. Information regarding student performance, attendance, enrollment and retention rates.
6. Most recent free and/or reduced price meal data (as published by the California Department of Education) for the applicant school.
7. Ability to demonstrate that Program funds are leveraged at a minimum of a 8:1 loan-to-award ratio.
8. Verification of an investment grade credit rating from a national credit rating agency or a demonstrated ability to privately place debt with an investor(s).
9. Documented evidence of a commitment of substantial equity toward the project being financed, and award of additional tax-advantaged financing instruments, if applicable.

10. A completed questionnaire of the applicant's legal status (Legal Status Questionnaire is attached).

The Authority may request additional information that the Authority deems necessary to evaluate the application.

Application Fee: There is no application fee.

Application Certification: The applicant hereby submits an application to the Authority for the purpose of determining whether the applicant is eligible for the Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Grant Program.

The applicant understands that the charter school must be in good standing with its authorizer and be in compliance with the terms of its charter at the time of application submission. The Authority will rely on information from the chartering authority regarding the charter school's good standing and compliance with the terms of its charter. The applicant understands that all project and financial records are subject to audit and inspection by the Authority and the Bureau of State Audits.

If the application is approved, the applicant agrees to notify the Authority in writing at the time of project completion with evidence of completion included.

The applicant agrees to provide all documents and information required by law and to meet all necessary requirements and deadlines.

The applicant agrees to immediately notify the Authority of any material change to the charter school's or applicant's enrollment, student performance, charter status, legal status or financial condition that occurs between the time of application, and if a grant is awarded throughout the term of the grant period.

The applicant understands that the Authority may verify the information provided and analyze materials submitted as well as conduct its own investigation to evaluate the application. The applicant acknowledges that the information submitted to the Authority in this application or supplemental thereto may be subject to the Public Records Act or other disclosure. The applicant understands that the Authority may make such information public. In carrying out the development and operation of the proposed project, the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, and will abide by all the Authority's program requirements. The applicant agrees to hold the Authority, its members, officers, agent, and employees harmless from any matters arising out of or related to the applicant's project.

By applying for a reservation of funds under the Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Grant Program, the applicant represents that it has read and understands California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 10192 through 10199. The applicant acknowledges that all materials and requirements are subject to change by enactment of state or federal legislation or revisions to regulations promulgated by the Authority or the U.S. Department of Education.

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that the information contained in the application, exhibits, attachments, and any further or supplemental documentation is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The applicant understands that

misrepresentation may result in the rejection of the application and other actions, which the Authority is authorized to take.

I, the undersigned, in my capacity as an authorized officer of the applicant, certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application package is true and accurate, and I further certify that no Event of Default currently exists under any prior loan agreement between the applicant and the Authority or the State of California.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

LEGAL STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Disclose material information relating to any legal or regulatory proceeding or investigation in which the applicant* is or has been a party and which might have a material impact on the financial viability of the project or the applicant. Such disclosures should include any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the applicant* that is involved in the management, operation, or development of the project.

Response:

2. Disclose any civil, criminal, or regulatory action in which the applicant*, or any current board members (not including volunteer board members of non-profit entities), partners, limited liability corporation members, senior officers, or senior management personnel has been named a defendant in such action in the past ten years involving fraud or corruption, or matters involving health and safety where there are allegations of serious harm to employees, the public, or the environment.

Response:

Disclosures should include civil or criminal cases filed in state or federal court; civil or criminal investigations by local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities; and enforcement proceedings or investigations by local, state or federal regulatory agencies. The information provided must include relevant dates, the nature of the allegation(s), charters, complaint or filing, and the outcome.

**Also includes the charter school if a school district or educational management organization is submitting the application on behalf of the charter school.*

Certifications on behalf of (enter charter school name): _____

I/We attest that we have provided full disclosure as *indicated* in response to the items #1 and #2 above.

Signature of Principal, CEO, or Lead Administrator

Date

Print or Type Name: _____

Signature of President or Chair of Governing Board

Date

Print or Type Name: _____